

# Texas Recycling Summit 2023

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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| 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Registration Open   |
| 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | <i>Training: Basic Environmental Law Training Course</i>                              |
| 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | <i>Tour: San Marcos Recycling, Compost, Reuse and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)</i> |
| 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Opening Networking Event  |

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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| 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Registration Open   |
| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Exhibitor Hall Open   |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   | <i>Welcome: Texas House Representative Erin Zwiener</i>   |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  | <b>MORNING SESSION:</b><br><i>Waste Diversion and Recycling in Texas. The past, present, and future.</i><br>Speaker: Paul Kuhar (Champion Waste & Recycling Services)   |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | <b>CONCURRENT SESSION A:</b><br><i>Thinking Beyond Curbside Service</i><br><br>Speakers: Greg Behl (TDS)- Q2 Stadium; Kim Jennings (City of Denton)- Denton ISD; Kathryn Slaughter (VERT Sites)- Construction & Demolition; Moderator: Tom Gleason (City and County of Denver)<br><br><b>CONCURRENT SESSION B:</b><br><i>Food Recovery: Bridging the Gap Between Need and Supply</i><br>Speakers: Stacy Savage (Zero Waste Strategies); Lisa Barden (Keep Austin Fed); Moderator: Patrick White (JBa Land Management) |

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| <p>11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>LUNCH PLENARY SESSION:</b><br/> <i>Rebuilding Confidence in Recycling</i></p> <p>Speakers: Jordan Fengel (Tetra Pak); Adrian Hernandez (STAR); Elizabeth Schussler (The Recycling Partnership); Moderator: Alec Cooley (Busch Systems)</p>  |
| <p>1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION A:</b><br/> <i>Rebuilding Confidence in Recycling through Education</i></p> <p>Speakers: Jeff Galad (Recycle Coach); Eric Weiss (Burns &amp; McDonnell); Ashley Millerd (City of Waco); Moderator: Elizabeth Schussler (The Recycling Partnership)</p> <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION B:</b><br/> <i>Hands on Household Hazardous Waste</i></p> <p>Speakers: Wendy Rodriguez (City of Frisco); Jerry White (City of Frisco); Moderator: Jeremy Starritt (City of Frisco)</p>   |
| <p>2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION A:</b><br/> <i>Rebuilding Confidence in Recycling: Industry Leaders</i></p> <p>Speakers: Natha Dempsey (Foodservice Packaging Institute); Sara Nichols (RRS); Abraham Tueme (Arca Coca-Cola Southwest); Moderator: Tom Gleason (City and County of Denver)</p> <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION B:</b><br/> <i>Vetting Vendors for HHW operations and events to Minimize Disposal Cost</i></p> <p>Speakers: Virginia Belmore (Green Planet); Andy Dawson (Austin Resource Recovery); Moderator: Jeremy Starritt (City of Frisco)</p> |
| <p>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION A:</b><br/> <i>Rebuilding Confidence in Recycling: Local Leaders</i></p> <p>Speakers: Keith Koski (City of Houston Reuse Warehouse); Jeremy Kay (Green Guy Recycling); Moderator: Alexandra Gyarfas (Balcones Recycling)</p> <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION B:</b><br/> <i>Challenging Times, Innovative Solutions</i></p> <p>Speakers: Scott Pasternak (Burns &amp; McDonnell); Moderator: Jeremy Starritt (City of Frisco)</p>   |

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| 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Reception   |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | <b>Texas Environmental Leadership Awards (TELA) Ceremony &amp; Dinner</b> |

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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| 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  | Registration Open   |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.   | <i>Legislative Update with Steve Shannon</i>  |
| 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.   | <i>Training: ISRI Hazard Recognition: Fire Safety &amp; Prevention in Recycling</i>   |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  | Council Round Table   |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION A:</b><br/><i>Movin' On Out!</i></p> <p>Speakers: Maddie Morgan (City of Austin Circular Economy Program); Emma Parsley (Texas State University Sustainability); Quin Pugh (City of San Marcos Resource Recovery); Moderator: Amy Slagle (City of Austin)</p> <p><b>CONCURRENT SESSION B:</b><br/><i>Repair and Equity</i></p> <p>Speakers: Megan Kaplon (City of Austin Circular Economy Program); Jesse Rodriguez (City of Austin Community Technology Program); Adam Sharma (Human-I-T); Moderator: Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt (Texas State University)</p> |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Lunch   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.   | <i>Tour: Texas Disposal Systems Facility</i>  |

